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In re Application of

Yu et al.

Application No. 10/817,479

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 22, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes statements from both of the applicants, Ruey J. Yu and Eugene J. Van Scott. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3206. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 1617 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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